

**Response in Reissue Application**  
Reissue Application (10/714,477)

**Remarks**

Claims 1-9, 11 and 13 remain in this application. Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-9, 11 and 13 are allowed.

Claims 10, 12 and 14 have been canceled without prejudice and without any adverse admissions with respect to the Examiner's stated rejections.

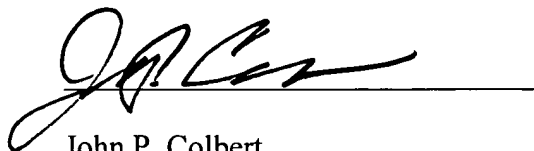
The Office Action dated May 25, 2006 indicates that Applicants failed to submit a statement to establish assignee's ownership interest under 37 CFR 3.73(b). However, Applicants note that the Consent of Assignee originally filed with the reissue application identifies the reel/frame (011327/0526) at which the assignment of rights to the Assignee is recorded, and therefore the Consent of Assignee satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 3.73(b)(ii). A copy of the Consent of Assignee filed on November 14, 2003 is resubmitted with this paper, together with a copy of the recorded assignment.

The Office Action also indicates that the previously submitted amendments to claims 8-14 do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b). Applicants believe that the new Listing of Claims submitted herewith correctly amends the reissue application.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed.

If the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this paper, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Title : INLET BAFFLE FOR WATER HEATER  
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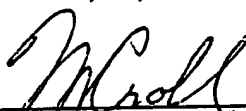
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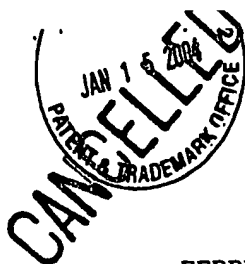
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**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE**

Premark FEG L.L.C., assignee of U.S. Patent No. 6,510,819 by virtue of an assignment from the inventors recorded at Reel 011327, Frame 0526, consents to the filing of the accompanying application for reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,510,819.

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Name: Mark P. LevyInternal Address: Thompson Hine & Flory LLPStreet Address: 2000 Courthouse Plaza N.E.P.O. Box 8801City: Dayton State: Ohio ZIP: 45401-88016. Total number of applications and patents involved: 17. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 40.00☒ Enclosed☐ Authorized to be charged to deposit account

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Mark P. Levy

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Docket No.  
Serial No. 006593-01868  
Serial No. 09/669,138

Filed: September 26, 2000

**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, F. Martin Pollock and Joyce A. Ahrens invented certain new and useful **INLET BAFFLE FOR WATER HEATER** (Docket No. 006593-1868) for which I/we executed an application for letters patent of the United States;

AND WHEREAS, Premark FEG L.L.C., a corporation of the State of Delaware, with a place of business at 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 509, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, hereinafter called the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the inventions therein disclosed and any letters patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I/we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and any divisions or continuations thereof, and the inventions therein disclosed, and any improvements thereon, and any patent or patents that may be issued or reissued thereon, and I/we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent thereon, and reissues thereof, to said Assignee, its successors and assigns; and I/we hereby authorize said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to file in its own name applications for patent in foreign countries in connection with the inventions hereby transferred, under the International Convention claiming the priority of said United States application or otherwise, and to secure in its own name the patent or patents issued thereon; and I/we hereby agree that, upon request, I/we will sign all papers, and make all rightful oaths, and do all acts which said Assignee, its successors or assigns, may consider necessary in connection with said United States application, and in connection with any other United States or foreign applications that may be filed in connection with said inventions, and with any improvements thereon, and in connection with any patents issued or reissued thereon.

Sept., 2000. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 22 day of

F. Martin Pollock  
F. Martin Pollock

STATE OF Ohio )  
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On this 22 day of Sept, 2000, before me a Notary Public in and for the above County and State, personally appeared the above named F. Martin Pollock, personally known to me, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed for the purpose herein set forth.

Barbara D. Lynch  
Notary Public

BARBARA D. LYNCH  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 12-06-02

Sept., 2000. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 22 day of

Joyce A. Ahrens  
Joyce A. Ahrens

STATE OF Ohio )  
COUNTY OF Meigs ) ss:

On this 22 day of Sept., 2000, before me a Notary Public in and for the above County and State, personally appeared the above named Joyce A. Ahrens, personally known to me, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed for the purpose herein set forth.

Barbara D. Lynch  
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